

I claim:

1. A dry plaster formulation for mixing with water to form a slow drying plaster for use as a color carrier for blending colors, comprising, by dry weight:

16-22 parts Keene's cement;

20-26 parts crystalline silica;

3-5 parts dolomitic hydrated lime; and

.5 to 5 parts calcium carbonate.

2. A dry plaster formulation for mixing with water to form a slow drying plaster for use as a color carrier for blending colors, comprising, by dry weight:

19 parts Keene's cement;

23 parts crystalline silica;

3-5 parts dolomitic hydrated lime; and

.5 to 5 parts calcium carbonate.

3. A composition, which is the product obtained by mixing together Keene's cement, crystalline silica, dolomitic hydrated lime, calcium carbonate, and water.

4. A composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains 16-22 parts Keene's cement; 20-26 parts crystalline silica; 3-5 parts dolomitic hydrated lime; .5 to 5 parts calcium carbonate, and 1.5 to 2.5 parts water.

5. A composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains approximately 19 parts Keene's cement; 23 parts crystalline silica; 4 parts dolomitic hydrated lime; 1 part calcium carbonate, and 2 parts water.